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This is a summary of the telephone interview which occurred on October 26, 2004. The following representations were made:

- Primary Examiner Nori and Examiner Davis agreed that there was no motivation to 1. combine the Brown reference with the Jaharian reference and therefore withdrew their rejection.
- Applicants agreed to amend their claims by combining claims 14 and 15, and by modifying certain claims to make it clear that the support wire tension is created by plant structure and plant mass.

Respectfully Submitted, The United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture

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